Homegoing Celebration

In Loving Memory
Of
Mary Ruth Golden

Services
Monday, October 8, 2007
11:00am

Foothill Missionary Baptist Church
1530 Foothill Boulevard
Oakland, California

Officiating
Reverend Gary J. Golden, Pastor

"An Angel On Assignment"

From this day forward, I will manifest myself to you in many different ways

so listen to the words I'm about to say. I'm an angel on assignment and I'm ready to play.

Whenever I'm near you feel my presence and I will bring precious memories into view.

In Doing this you will know that I am standing next to you and I'm thinking of you.

Be of good cheer and put to silence all your fears because I'm Still Here!

The Angels have escorted me to Heaven's Door and I have many new adventures to explore.

I was given angle wings as my reward.
I will come and spread my wings, I will intervene maybe in your thoughts like a vision or in a Dream.

And as we take a walk down memory lane in your heart you will see that in your heart my love will always remain, the only difference is that my address has been changed.

May the Peace of God rule abide and comfort your heart and give you the strength to carry on until we meet Again!

Mary Ruth Golden

Sunrise: July 16, 1926 ***Sunset: October 1, 2007***

Mary Ruth Murphy was born in Snow Hill, Arkansas on July 16th in the year of our Lord 1926, to John and Mary Murphy. Mary Ruth was the middle child of seven children. The Murphy family moved to Oakland, California when Mary Ruth was in her teens. The Murphy family united with the Star Bethel Missionary Baptist Church and at a young age Mary Ruth accepted Christ and was baptized by the Late Reverend George H. Henderson, Pastor of Star Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

Mary Ruth attended Mc Clymonds High School and later Merritt College where she received her Associates of Arts Degree. Mary left college and began working for the Navel Supply Center in Oakland as an Office Administrator.

Mary Ruth loved to sing and soon became a member of Star Bethel's youth choir under the leadership of the Late Herman H. Harper, Sr. Sister Mary Ruth's talents began to show and Bro. Harper Sr., began to feature her as the lead soloist. Star Bethel Youth & Young Adult Choir began to grow and became the number Youth and Young Adult Choir in Northern California and later the Nation. During this period Mary Ruth Murphy and Herman Harper Sr., began to date and later were joined in Holy Matrimony. To this union two children were born; Herman Hughes Harper II and Mary Pearl Harper.

After some years had passed Mary Ruth and Herman Harper, Sr. parted ways. Later Ruth met and married Lemmy Williams. Soon after that union they parted and went separate ways.

In the 1960's Mary Ruth met David Golden, they were united in holy matrimony and to this union one little bundle of joy was born, and they named him, Gary John Golden.

At the age of 55, Mary retired from her government position and became a Foster Parent and primary support person for her mother. During that time she also worked for the Alameda County Foster Care program. She has helped many children along her life's path, especially in the area of nutrition. Mary loved to cook, it was a hobby and a joy. Aside from her career position, she also worked for the Oakland School District cooking and serving food to students of all ages.

Mary R. Golden was a Charter member of the Foothill Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of the Late Reverend W. A. Holly. She was a faithful member of the Women Mission Union (WMU) and a member of the Martha Circle. Sister Mary Golden was also a member of Foothill's Senior Choir. She used her God given perfect pitch Soprano voice to give praise unto the Lord until her health began to fail.

The Golden and Harper Family was a happy family and Mary Ruth had the three Joys of Her Life surrounding her, with God's Blessings and Happiness until she was called home to be with the Father.

She is loved, cherished and continues to live in the lives of her three children Herman, Mary and Gary; grandchildren Angel, Michell Nicola, Gary II and Dana; devoted Daughter-in-law Alexis; great-grandchildren Ausaunay, Kuniko, Jarrel and Kahy'el, one sister Esther Holland; three brothers Willie Paul Murphy, Thurman Murphy and James Murphy; three sister-in-laws Delores, Dorthy and Hattie, a host of cousins, nieces, nephews to numerous to mention as well as devoted friends and love ones who cherish her memory.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Viewing of the Body

Processional ..... *Clergy & Family*

Solo ..... *Herman H. Harper II*
" The Lords Prayer"

Scripture..... *Minister*
Old Testament & New Testament

Prayer..... *Minister*

Musical Selections.....*Choir*

Obituary ..... *Read in silent meditation*

Acknowledgments, Condolences & Resolutions .....*Myra Booker*

Musical Selections..... *Choir*

Expressions (3 minutes Please)

Pastor & Clergy ..... *Pastor Gary Golden & Ministers*
Family ..... *Thurman Murphy, Brother*
Musical Tribute ..... *Murphy Singers*
Church ..... *Alpha Williamson*
Dr. Evelyn Jackson
Poem Tribute ..... *Angel Abraham*

Solo ..... *Clifton Adams*

Eulogy ..... *Rev. Dr. A. McKinley Royal*
Pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church of Tennessee

Closing Prayer ..... *Minister*

Recessional

Internment
Rolling Hills Memorial Park
Richmond, California

The Weaver

My Life is but a weaving
between my Lord and me;
I cannot choose the colors
He worketh steadily.

Oft times He weaveth sorrow
And I, in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper,
And I the under side.

Not til the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful
In the Weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.

He knows, He loves, He cares,
Nothing this truth can dim.
He gives His very best to those
Who leave the choice with Him.

A Loving Sister ...

A Loving Mother ...

A Loving Grandmother ...

A Loving Great-Grandmother

& Always a Friend

Pallbearers

John Murphy
Rev. Roscoe Murphy
Stephen Booker
Michael Murphy
Michael Murphy Jr.
Maurice Jackson

Honorary Pallbearers

Willie Paul Murphy
James Murphy
Rev. Gary J. Golden
Thurman Murphy
Herman H. Harper II
James Golden

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (KJV)

Acknowledgements

The family of Mary R. Golden, gratefully acknowledges the many deeds of kindness, the prayers and the sympathy extended to each of us during the illness and Homegoing of our beloved mother, sister, grandmother and friend.

The Golden, Harper & Murphy Family

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